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Applicant QINETIQ LIMITED		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).
3. ☐ **Unity of Invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- ☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
PHORETIC DISPLAY DEVICE WITH LIQUID CRYSTALLINE SUSPENSION MEDIUM, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

5. With regard to the abstract,

- ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- ☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- ☒ as suggested by the applicant.
- ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.
- 5 ☐ None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

A phoretic display device comprising a plurality of electrophoretic or magnetophoretic cells, each having a phoretic particle (6) dispersed within a suspension medium (7) comprising a liquid crystal material (20). The phoretic cell is adapted to induce defects (21), Sometimes known as disclinations, in the alignment of the liquid crystal material (20) within the cell which act to exert a retentive force on the phoretic particle (6) when within the region of influence of the defects (21). The configuration of the display introduces a threshold level in the electric or magnetic field required to move the phoretic particle (6) between defects (21) within the cell. Accordingly, the non-linear electro-optic or magneto-optic behavior of the display facilitates matrix addressing of the cells therein. The display may comprise a plurality of prolate spheroid phoretic cells arranged in an encapsulant the major (long) axis of each cell arranged substantially perpendicular to the plane of the display.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 G02F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, INSPEC, COMPENDEX, IBM-TDB

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 98 41899 A (MASSACHUSETTS INST TECHNOLOGY) 24 September 1998 (1998-09-24) page 16, line 16 - line 26; figures 3B,C page 19, line 10 - line 17; figures 4C,D page 22, line 27 - page 23, line 4; figure 7A ---	1-5, 19-22, 33,43, 44, 47-50, 52,53
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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